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1. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Bill Clinton							[119]
January 24, 1998.....	19	21	17	15	27	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	21	36	15	13	15	-	
December 1997.....	21	34	16	13	15	1	
October 1997.....	21	30	16	15	17	1	
September 1997.....	24	32	17	13	13	1	
July 1997.....	26	30	13	14	16	1	
June 1997.....	20	31	17	15	16	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
Monica Lewinsky							[120]
January 24, 1998.....	3	6	33	16	19	23	
Kenneth Starr							[121]
January 24, 1998.....	8	12	22	11	14	33	
June 1997	4	10	19	8	6	53	
March 1997.....	2	8	18	6	6	60	

Q.1. (cont'd.)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Al Gore							[122]
January 24, 1998.....	19	24	28	15	10	4	
January 17-19, 1998.....	13	26	29	16	12	4	
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
October 1997.....	10	27	28	15	17	3	
September 1997.....	13	25	24	18	15	5	
July 1997.....	16	33	23	11	14	3	
June 1997.....	18	28	25	13	12	4	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
Linda Tripp							[123]
January 24, 1998.....	4	7	20	14	20	35	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[124]
January 24, 1998.....	26	23	20	12	18	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	20	25	21	16	16	2	
December 1997.....	18	26	23	14	17	2	
October 1997.....	20	25	23	13	17	2	
September 1997.....	19	26	18	15	20	2	
July 1997.....	16	23	21	16	23	1	
June 1997.....	22	26	15	15	20	2	
April 1997.....	18	26	18	14	22	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 1998 congressional elections - a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>1/98</u>		<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>11/96+</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	
	<u>24th</u>	<u>17th-19th</u>							
Republican-controlled Congress.....	41	40	41	41	45	44	44	42	[125]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	38	42	37	39	39	38	40	40	
Not sure ²	21	18	22	20	16	18	16	18	
				<u>9/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94¹</u>	
				42	40	41	42	44	
				41	40	38	41	38	
				17	20	21	17	18	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² Previously, the volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

3. How confident are you that Bill Clinton has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	1/98												
	24 th	22 nd	9/96+	10/95	10/94	6/94	5/94	1/94	1/93	12/92	11/1/92+	10/92+	9/92+
Extremely confident.....	13	17	12	9	11	11	12	11	16	13	11	14	9
Quite confident.....	20	21	24	19	17	19	22	24	31	25	21	27	23
Only somewhat confident.....	32	26	30	40	36	37	39	38	37	41	34	30	37
Not at all confident.....	33	32	30	30	34	31	25	25	13	19	31	26	28
Not sure.....	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	3

[127]

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4. How closely would you say you have been following the current news regarding President Clinton and his alleged affair with a former White House intern - very closely, somewhat closely, not that closely, or not closely at all?

Very closely.....	36	[128]
Somewhat closely.....	44	
Not that closely.....	14	
Not closely at all.....	6	
Not sure.....	-	

5. Have the recent allegations against President Clinton made you feel much less favorable toward him, somewhat less favorable, or no less favorable?

Much less favorable.....	18	[129]
Somewhat less favorable.....	27	
No less favorable.....	52	
More favorable (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

- 6a. As you may know, there are allegations that President Clinton had an affair with a 21-year-old White House intern. Do you think that these allegations about President Clinton are true, or not?

	1/98	
	24 th	22 nd
Yes, allegations are true.....	45	38
No, allegations are not true.....	25	28
Not sure.....	30	34

[130]

- 6b. If it turns out that these allegations are true, do you think that President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office?

	1/98	
	24 th	22 nd
Yes, should be impeached and removed from office.....	32	42
No, should not be impeached and removed from office....	60	46
Not sure.....	8	12

[131]

- 7a. There are also allegations that President Clinton lied about his alleged affair with the woman while he testified under oath in the Paula Jones trial. Do you think that these allegations about President Clinton are true, or not?

Yes, allegations are true.....	44	[132]
No, allegations are not true.....	25	
Not sure.....	31	

- 7b. If it turns out that these allegations are true, do you think that President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

Yes, should be impeached and removed from office.....	50	[133]
No, should not be impeached and removed from office.....	42	
Not sure.....	8	

- 8a. There are also reports that President Clinton encouraged this woman to commit perjury, which means to lie under oath, about their alleged affair. Do you think that these reports about President Clinton are true, or not?

	1/98		
	24 th	22 nd ¹	
Yes, reports are true.....	38	33	[134]
No, reports are not true.....	34	34	
Not sure.....	28	33	

¹ On January 22, the question was phrased "... encouraged the 21-year-old White House intern ... "

- 8b. If it turns out that these reports are true, do you think that President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

	1/98		
	24 th	22 nd	
Yes, should be impeached and removed from office.....	57	60	[135]
No, should not be impeached and removed from office....	35	30	
Not sure.....	8	10	

9. The Whitewater Independent Counsel reportedly is pursuing allegations of the affair between the president and a former White House intern, based on tape recordings that investigators made secretly with the approval of the Justice Department. Do you think that government investigators should or should not use secret recordings to investigate the president?

Should use secret recordings.....	45	[136]
Should not use secret recordings.....	48	
Not sure.....	7	

10. As you may know, Paula Jones has filed a lawsuit claiming that President Clinton sexually harassed her when he was governor of Arkansas and she was a state employee. From what you know, do you believe Paula Jones' allegations of sexual harassment against President Clinton, or not?

	1/98					
	24 th	22 nd	17 th -19 th	10/97	6/97	
Believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	37	37	27	35	33	[137]
Do not believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	45	40	50	48	45	
Not sure.....	18	23	23	17	22	

11. Let me read you some different elements of the allegations that President Clinton had an affair with a White House intern. For each one, please tell me whether it troubles you a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or not at all? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TROUBLES A GREAT DEAL OR QUITE A BIT

	<u>Troubles A Great Deal</u>	<u>Troubles Quite A Bit</u>	<u>Troubles Just Some</u>	<u>Troubles Very Little</u>	<u>Does Not Trouble At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The alleged affair took place in the White House.....	31	17	14	10	27	1	[140]
The alleged affair took place while President Clinton has been in office...	27	18	16	10	28	1	[142]
The President allegedly had an affair with a White House intern.....	24	18	17	13	27	1	[141]
The woman was twenty-one years old when the alleged affair took place.....	20	11	10	11	46	2	[138]
The President's close adviser and friend helped the woman find employment.....	18	13	16	12	39	2	[139]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12a. For each of the following institutions I mention, please tell me how much the recent allegations involving President Clinton have affected your confidence in these institutions. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, would you say you have more confidence, less confidence, or the same amount of confidence in this institution? **

	<u>More Confidence</u>	<u>Less Confidence</u>	<u>Same Amount Of Confidence</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The presidency.....	5	33	60	2	[143]
The American political system.....	4	32	62	2	[144]
The news media.....	11	34	52	3	[145]

- 12b. Let me read you three statements about the news media's coverage of the recent allegations involving President Clinton, and see which one you agree with more.

Statement A: The news media's coverage has been irresponsible, has overdramatized this situation way out of its proper proportion, and they have sensationalized the story.

Statement B: The news media's coverage has been responsible, and they have acted properly in reporting this story.

Statement C: The news media's coverage has been too restrained, and they should be more aggressive in reporting this story.

Statement A/Media irresponsible.....	47	[146]
Statement B/Media responsible.....	45	
Statement C/Media too restrained.....	6	
Not sure.....	2	

13a. From what President Clinton has said publicly so far about the recent allegations against him, do you think that he has been candid and open, or has he been guarded and less than honest?

Candid and open.....	19	[147]
Guarded/less than honest.....	69	
Not sure.....	12	

13b. Based on what you know about the matter, which of the following best describes what you think will happen?

(A) President Clinton will be forced to resign.

(B) There will be an ongoing investigation that will result in people other than the President facing legal action.

(C) There will be inconclusive proof and the matter will fade away.

(D) None of the allegations will turn out to be true, and the matter will end.

President Clinton will be forced to resign.....	10	[148]
There will be an ongoing investigation.....	37	
There will be inconclusive proof.....	39	
None of allegations true.....	9	
Not sure.....	5	

FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group

18 - 24.....	9	[149]
25 - 29.....	9	
30 - 34.....	11	
35 - 39.....	10	
40 - 44.....	12	
45 - 49.....	11	
50 - 54.....	9	
55 - 59.....	6	
60 - 64.....	5	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	1	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)?

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	17	[150]
Not very strong Democrat.....	12	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly independent.....	22	
Independent/lean Republican.....	10	
Not very strong Republican.....	12	
Strong Republican.....	11	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[151]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	9	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	14	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	20	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	8	
More than \$100,000.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	14	

- F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

(IF NO:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	5	[152]
White.....	80	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	